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(770) 424-8274****KENNESAW SUMMER DAY CAMPS DELIVER**

KENNESAW, GEORGIA (August 8, 2005) – Kennesaw's youth found a lot more ways to keep themselves busy over the summer than they did just a few years ago.

It's been a record season for the City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department. According to David Pies, Recreation Programs Coordinator, the Department accepted over 750 registrations for youth day camps. This summer, the Department conducted 23 day camps, including fun favorites, such as British Soccer, tennis, and themed 'fun' camps, as well as new baseball, dance, drama and gymnastics camps.

Kennesaw resident fees ranged from \$50 for a three-day tennis camp to \$160 for a five-day British Soccer Camp. Many of the camps offered a t-shirt for participation.

"Our themed camps averaged over 50 children per week," said Pies. "We've outgrown our host facility [the Community House] and are already making preparations to relocate the camps next year to the Kennesaw Community Center."

One of the highlights this summer was the *Celebrate America* themed camp. Hometown heroes from the Kennesaw Police Department, Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services, and members of the United States Armed Forces visited the camp during the week. Campers learned about fire safety, crime prevention and public service. Major Reginald Neal of the Georgia Army National Guard distributed military rations and gave each of the campers an opportunity to sit in an actual Humvee. "I enjoyed the children," said Neal.

The Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department offers something for everyone. The Department is responsible for park maintenance and development, and offers a variety of enrichment classes, workshops, day camps and special events. Activities target every age group, from toddlers through seniors.

For additional information about Kennesaw Parks & Recreation summer day camps, visit the City of Kennesaw web site at www.kennesaw-ga.gov or call the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department at (770) 422-9714.



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DIGITAL PHOTOS ATTACHED:

PHOTO 1: Major Reginald G.A. Neal of the Georgia Army National Guard distributes military rations to campers.

PHOTO 2: Major Reginald G.A. Neal of the Georgia Army National Guard and Humvee.

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